George's County (1963 Edition), and new Section 73-83A to the Montgomery County Code (1960 Edition), being Articles 17 and 16, respectively, of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, titles "Prince George's County," and "Montgomery County," subtitle "Washington Suburban Sanitary District," extending the Commission's authority to adopt and enforce gas fitting regulations to those areas of Prince George's and Montgomery Counties COUNTY not heretofore embraced within such authority of the Commission, providing procedures for the extension to those areas of the existing gas fitting regulations, and providing penalties for violations of this Act.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That new Section 83-102A of the Public Local Laws of Prince George's County (1963 Edition), and new Section 73-83A of the Montgomery County Code (1960 Edition), being Articles 17 and 16, respectively, of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, titles "Prince George's County" and "Montgomery County," subtitle "Washington Suburban Sanitary District," be and it is hereby added, to follow immediately after Sections 83-102 and 73-83 of the respective Codes, and to read as follows:

83-102A. (73-83A).

The authority of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission to adopt, formulate, promulgate and devise rules and regulations for the construction, installation and equipment of gas fixtures, devices and connections from the outlet of the meter supplying any building, which is provided for by Chapter 451 of the Acts of 1943, as amended, being Sections 83-102 and 73-83 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Prince George's County and Montgomery County, respectively, is extended to include those portions of Prince George's and Montgomery Counties COUNTY not now within the Maryland-Washington Metropolitan District, and from and after June 1, 1965, the Commission's gas fitting regulations shall apply to all the area within both Counties SAID COUNTY. The Commission shall have no jurisdiction, however, over bottled gas, nor shall its rules and regulations apply to premises upon which only bottled gas is consumed. The Commission shall have the same authority to adopt and revise rules and regulations, subject to the same procedures for adoption and revision, however, as specified in Section 83-102 (73-83) for the portions of Prince George's and Montgomery Counties COUNTY made subject to the gas fitting regulations by this section, and a violation of this section or of the Commission's rules and regulations adopted hereunder shall be punishable in the same manner as specified in said Section 83-102 (73-83).

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That if any word, phrase, clause, sentence or any part or parts of this Act shall be held unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity of the remaining parts of this Act.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1965.

Approved May 4, 1965.